

WASHINGTON.

The Annual Report of the Interior Department.

Civil Service Reformers Testing the New Rules.

The Work of the Southern Claims Commission.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9, 1873.

Secretary Delano will, in his annual report, renew his recommendation for a census to be taken in 1875, the results of which could be published in season for the Centennial celebration of the Independence of the United States. He believes that authentic information respecting the nation's increase in population and wealth during any term of five years would be of great value in directing our industrial developments, as well as through the better information of Congress respecting the condition, wants and capacities of the people. And, furthermore, he thinks there would be a peculiar fitness in thus ascertaining by official count the population and resources of the nation at the close of the first century of its existence.

The work of publishing the results of the last census and of arranging for preservation and reference the enormous amount of manuscript records and files of the office has been completed under the superintendence of Mr. Francis J. Walker, who resigned from the department last February to accept a position in private life, but has since, at the request of Secretary Delano, and in order that the continuity of plan and procedure might not be interrupted, continued in charge of matters relating to the census without salary, giving to the work so much of his time and attention as was required.

The annual report of the Secretary of the Interior will show that the United States geological and geographical survey of the Territories, under the direction of this Department, has continued its operations in the West during the past season with its usual success. The field-work was begun about the middle of May. The district recommended for the work of the year 1873 embraced the eastern portion of Colorado, lying between parallels 38 deg. and 40 deg. 30 min. north, and between meridians 104 deg. 30 min. and 107 deg. west, and comprised about 20,000 square miles. This area was divided into three districts and the survey of each entrusted to a mixed party of geologists and topographers. The northern district included the Middle Park; the middle, the South Park; and the southern, the San Luis Valley. The whole area, which is about 100 miles broad, embraces the grandest ranges of mountains and the greatest group of lofty peaks known on the Continent.

From the summit of Mount Lincoln, between the middle and south parks, over 20 peaks, 14,000 feet and upwards, and 200 whose summits rise above 12,000 feet, can be seen. Besides the three parties mentioned above, there were three other parties, one of which carried on the primary triangulations from the summit of the most important peaks in the district. A photographic and a quartermaster's party also formed part of the organization, which may be regarded as unusually complete for the duties for which it is designed. A preliminary field map was prepared in the spring, based on the land surveys of this department, which indicated those portions which were least known and which needed the most careful examination. It is the purpose of the survey to carry on a careful and systematic work which shall not be required to be performed again while the Territories remain as wards of the general government. The results of the season's work are in the highest degree satisfactory in all departments. The collections in geology, botany and natural history and the photographic views are as extensive and valuable as those of the previous years.

The Forthcoming Civil Service Examination in New York.

The Chief Examiner of the Civil Service has completed the arrangements for the examination in New York on the 13th inst. for admission to the civil service. This will be the first district examination under the new rules. The examination will be held in the fourth story of the building at the northeast corner of Broadway and Eleventh street. Seventy candidates have been summoned, who will compete for prospective vacancies in the Interior, Treasury and Post Office departments. The civil service rules require that clerks appointed under them shall be commissioned for probationary terms of six months, during which their conduct and capacity shall be tested. The Examining Board of the Treasury Department has recently made inquiry concerning fifty-five first class clerks thus appointed in that department in the month of May last. The clerks were personally examined as to their knowledge of their duties; their work was examined, and the judgment of the heads of their divisions and officers concerning them was taken. The result was satisfactory in every case. The general testimony of their superiors is that they are excellent clerks, and much superior in average capacity and efficiency to those appointed under the old system. Thus far 115 clerks have been admitted to the Treasury Department under the civil service rules, of whom but one has been dropped at the expiration of his probationary appointment. The advocates of the civil service reform consider that the fact settles the question as to the power of the competitive system to test fitness for clerical service. They also claim that the rules have greatly benefited the service, not only by preventing worthless appointments, but by preventing the appointment, for personal or political reasons, of persons whose services are not required. It is said that formerly places could always be found for those whose political influence was strong enough, but now officers of the Department ask for additional clerks only when their services are really needed.

Patent Office Work for the Past Year.

A statement prepared by the Commissioner of Patents for the coming report of the Secretary of the Interior shows that during the year ending September 30, 1873, there were filed in the Patent Office 20,464 applications for patents, including reissues and designs; 238 applications for the extension of patents, and 519 applications for registration of trade marks. Twelve thousand nine hundred and seventy-two patents, including reissues and designs, were issued, 235 extended and 965 allowed but not issued by reason of non-payment of the final fee; 3,274 reissues were filed, and 473 trademarks registered. The fees received during the same period from all sources amounted to \$701,627, and the total expenditure to \$509,449.66, making the receipts \$217,177 in excess of the expenditures. The appropriation asked for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875, is \$603,500. The expenditures included \$40,000 for the publication of the Official Gazette; \$40,000 for printing current drawings, and \$60,000 for the reproduction of old drawings. These items were unusual and accounts for the absorption of most of the customary excess of receipts over expenditures. In regard to the reproduction of the drawings the Commissioner considers the amount appropriated for that purpose a good investment, not only for the reason that they are now being sold at two or three times their actual cost. The Commissioner again invites earnest attention to the great want of additional room for the proper transaction of the business of the office, stating that it is utterly impossible to properly classify the work of the office in order to ensure its being economically and well done in the present crowded state of the files, records and exhibits.

More Tichborne Information Wanted.

The end of the Tichborne trial is not yet, The

Secretary of the Treasury, at the request of the British Minister, has instructed the Collectors of Customs at Boston, New Bedford, Perth Amboy, Wilmington, Del., and Wilmington, N. C., to allow agents of the British government to have access to the records of the Custom House to ascertain if there is anything on file to show that the claimant ever was on board the vessel he claimed to have taken passage in.

The Southern Claims Commission.

The Southern Claims Commission have printed a volume containing the names of 24,000 claimants, together with the respective amounts claimed for stores or supplies taken or furnished during the rebellion for the use of the army of the United States in States proclaimed as in insurrection against the United States, including the use and loss of vessels or boats while employed in the federal military service. The amounts claimed vary from \$150 to \$54,000, and there is one of \$129,475 in behalf of the estate of John Bemis, of Louisiana. In all but a few cases the claimants have declared upon oath that from the beginning to the end of the late rebellion their sympathies were constantly with the cause of the United States; that they never of their own free will and accord did anything, or offered or sought to do anything by word or deed to injure said cause or retard its success; and that they were at all times ready and willing to aid and assist the cause of the Union so far as their means and circumstances permitted.

The Panic and the Post Office.

Since the panic the money orders through the Post Office Department have doubled. The panic has had a depressing influence on the Patent Office, the business having decreased.

A Politician's Idea of Reward.

Governor Samuel Bard, of Atlanta, Ga., has announced himself as a candidate for the office of postmaster of the House of Representatives. He believes that his "well-known labors in the late Presidential campaign, upon the stump and with the press," entitle him to the "confidence and support of all who have at heart the triumph of our party and the welfare of our country."

Continual "Fleeing" of Poor Leo.

Charges are directly made that contractor Leo supplies to Indians in Arizona were set aside by the Indian Bureau to allow its friends an opportunity of furnishing subsistence stores at their own prices. An instance was given in the case of the Verde Indian Reservation, the order not to award the contract being telegraphed to the Agency while the bids were being opened. It is the old story of the Indian Bureau paying twice as much for inferior supplies as is paid for the best quality of goods purchased by the army.

The Weather Report.

WAR DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER, WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 10—1 A. M.

Probabilities. FOR THE MIDDLE STATES AND NEW ENGLAND NORTHWESTERLY AND NORTHERLY WINDS, COLD AND GENERALLY CLEAR WEATHER.

FOR THE NORTHWEST DIMINISHING PRESSURE, NORTH-EASTERLY TO SOUTHEASTERLY WINDS, RISING TEMPERATURE AND PARTLY CLOUDY WEATHER.

FOR THE LOWER OHIO AND LOWER MISSOURI VALLEYS AND THENCE OVER TENNESSEE AND ARKANSAS, NORTH-EASTERLY TO SOUTHEASTERLY WINDS, RISING TEMPERATURE AND PARTLY CLOUDY WEATHER.

FOR THE SOUTHERN STATES NORTHWESTERLY AND NORTHERLY WINDS, GENERALLY CLEAR WEATHER AND LOW TEMPERATURE.

The Weather in This City Yesterday.

The following record will show the changes in the temperature for the past twenty-four hours in comparison with the corresponding day of last year, as indicated by the thermometer at Hudson's Pharmacy, Herald Building:—

3 A. M.	45	3:30 P. M.	50
6 A. M.	46	6 P. M.	47
9 A. M.	43	9 P. M.	44
12 M.	42	12 P. M.	43
Average temperature yesterday	45 1/2	Average temperature for corresponding date last year	44 1/2

OBITUARY.

Daoud Pachá.

By cable telegram from Paris we are informed that Daoud Pachá, the eminent Turkish statesman, died at Biarritz on Saturday, the 8th inst. The deceased Minister and diplomat of the Ottoman Porte was born at Constantinople in March, 1816. He belonged to one of the oldest Christian families in Turkey, and which suffered during the persecutions of 1827. He has been about thirty-six years in the service of the Porte, having, after a complete university course at Berlin, commenced his official career as Professor of Modern Languages in the Ottoman Military College at Constantinople. He afterwards entered the diplomatic line as Secretary to the Ottoman Embassy at Berlin, then at Vienna, and afterwards at Paris, whence he returned to Berlin as Chargé d'Affaires, which post he held at various times for a period of nine years. In 1854 he accompanied Ali Pachá as chief secretary to the Conference of Vienna. In 1855 he was Imperial Commissioner for the question of the navigation of the Danube, and in 1858 went as chief secretary to the Ottoman Embassy at Berlin. In 1859 he was selected by the Porte and the five Powers to fulfill the very difficult post of Governor General of Lebanon, with the rank of Muhiir or Pachá of the Lebanon, and was named Director General of Telegraphs, and under his auspices all the great lines of telegraphic communications throughout the Lebanon were laid down. In 1860 he was named to that rank under the Sublime Porte. Daoud Pachá spoke French, English, Italian and Arabic, and was a man of distinguished talents. He in former years gained more than one great prize for his writings and dissertations before the Academy of Sciences in that city. In 1862, Daoud Pachá was a Catholic Armenian (that is, the sum of 1860, the Sultan's government, in its own ancient rites and ceremonies, in communion with the Roman Catholic Church); but, notwithstanding, he was even devout member of his own Church, and was no bigot, and placed no obstacles in the way of Protestant schools or missionaries in Lebanon. Wherever amongst the natives of Lebanon he found persons of education and intelligence he employed them, no matter to what creed they belonged; and in more than one instance he has been the savior of Catholics or Greeks, and employed native Protestants in the service of government. 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